

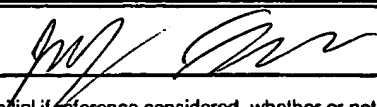


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	5.	4,070,182	01/24/78	Genik-Sas-Berezowsky et al.	75	103	
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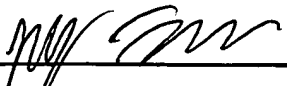
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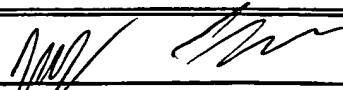
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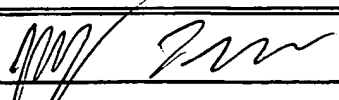
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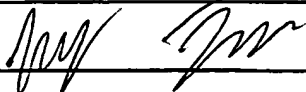
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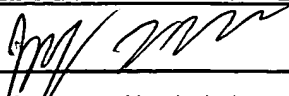
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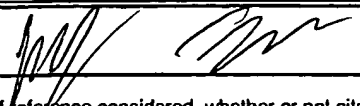
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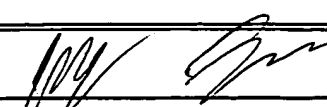
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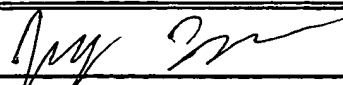
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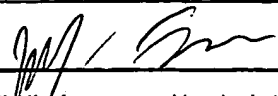
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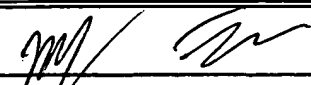
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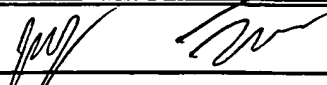
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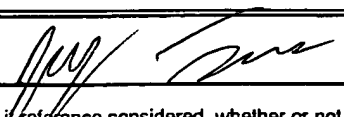
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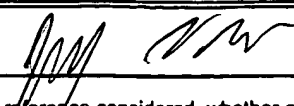
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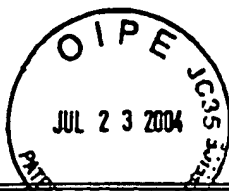
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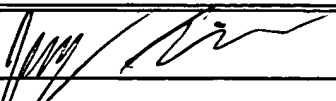
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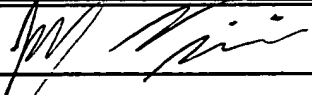
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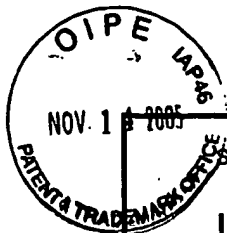
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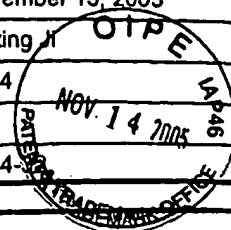
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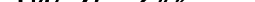
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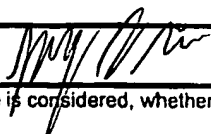
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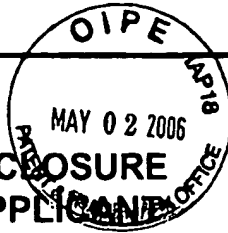
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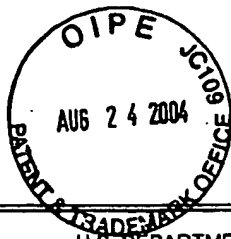
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